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ANDERSON COUNTY RANCH ADMITS TO FISH & WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

(Tyler, TX) A local Trust has admitted to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and agreed to pay a fine in the amount of \$120,000. The **Edwin L. Cox, Sr. Trust**, accepted the citation yesterday from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to information from the citation, Fish and Wildlife special agents responded to reports of illegal baiting on property owned by the Trust in Anderson County, Texas. An investigation revealed that employees and agents of the Trust had routinely placed bait on the Lochridge Ranch for the purpose of attracting waterfowl for hunting. The Trust has agreed to pay a fine of \$120,000 and to refrain from allowing any hunting of migratory birds on the property for calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

This case was investigated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson.

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